

**HINCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**



# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

**OF THE**

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

**AND**

**CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

**FOR THE YEAR**

**1971**



HINCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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(as composed 31st December, 1971)

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

of the

HINCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

as at 31st December, 1971

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Assistant County Medical Officer, Leicestershire C.C.)

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# ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 1971

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1971.

The population has risen from 45,330 in 1970 to 48,170 in 1971.

The birth rate has fallen from 18.1 to 17.1 Live births per thousand population. Most of these infants were born in maternity wards. There were 36 illegitimate births (one of whom died). This represents 4.3% of all live births. The figure for England and Wales is 8%.

The corrected death rate for 1971 is 11.6 per 1,000 population. This was a decrease from last year's figure of 12.5. 219 of the 476 deaths occurred over the age of 75. Three infants under four weeks died following difficult labour. Deaths from coronary disease and lung cancer showed a marked increase. Deaths from cerebro-vascular disease were predominately of the older age groups, more women than men.

Infant mortality rate - that is, deaths occurring under one year was 13 per 1,000 live births. This is a definite fall from 19 per 1,000 live births in 1970. The figure for England and Wales is 18 per 1,000 live births.

The maternal mortality was nil.

60 notifications of infectious disease were received. The big reduction in the total is due to the fall in the incidence of measles since the introduction of vaccination against the disease. Fortunately there was no outbreak of bacillary dysentery. German Measles is not a notifiable disease but is an important one in that if a woman develops the disease during the first three months of pregnancy there is a danger of the infant being born with a congenital defect such as blindness or deafness. Immunisation against german measles is now offered to girls from 11 years upwards. The best procedure for immunising certain older women who may come into contact with german measles is being worked out.

There were no large outbreaks of food poisoning. No salmonella organisms were identified in the 5 notified cases. However, two children had been persistently carrying salmonella organisms which had been acquired in an adjoining area in autumn 1970. Eventually they were cleared during 1971.

During 1971 a family doctor drew attention to the fact that a family in an agricultural cottage with a well water supply was subject to attacks of gastro-intestinal complaints. Though no pathogenic bacteria were isolated, the department was instrumental in getting a piped water supply installed.





Routine vaccination of infants against smallpox was discontinued in 1971. However, certain "special risk" categories are still advised to be vaccinated e.g. ambulance and health staff who may come in contact with cases entering this country and also travellers to areas overseas where smallpox is endemic.

Much time was spent during the autumn of 1971 in keeping under surveillance a number of holidaymakers who had returned from a cholera infected area. The holiday season usually involves the department in investigations into situations where travellers from Spain and the Mediterranean have returned with suspicious illnesses and it is necessary to eliminate the possibility of enteric fever. Fortunately, in 1971 such investigations did not reveal any imported typhoid into the district.

Influenza did not reach the proportions anticipated in 1971. In the autumn of 1970 there was a request for the vaccination of the employees of the Council. The advice given was that in the present state of knowledge influenza vaccination is best undertaken on an individual basis by someone who is familiar with the full medical history of the patient i.e. the family doctor.

There were 18 notifications of infectious hepatitis (jaundice). When these notifications are followed up advice regarding food hygiene is given in much the same way as in the follow-up of dysentery. Similar measures are taken in regard to food handlers involved. Blood donors living in the same household are advised to inform the Blood Transfusion Service.

Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough, poliomyelitis and tetanus is carried out by family doctors. Those family doctors who wish it have their appointments arranged by the County Health Department.

There were four fresh cases of pulmonary tuberculosis in 1971. The visit to the area of the Mass Radiography Unit was not followed by any significant increase in the number of cases. BCG vaccination was carried out during the year at the High Schools and Upper Schools, where it is the policy to offer it from 11 years of age upwards. The response was very good.

In April 1971 the Leicestershire County Council inaugurated the new Social Services Department which administers the following services

- (a) Care of children including foster homes, children's homes, adoption, play-groups, day nurseries and daily minders.
- (b) Mental Welfare Service
- (c) Care of the elderly
- (d) Care of the physically handicapped, deaf, blind and disabled.
- (e) Care of unmarried mothers
- (f) Home Help Service

In connection with the physically handicapped, reports were made to the Urban District Council on the Physically Handicapped and Disabled Persons Act and much consideration was given to adaptations of existing public buildings and conveniences. This has entailed a considerable amount of work for the Surveyor's Department but, in view of the fact that there is no statutory enforcement of adaptations to privately owned buildings it was felt that the Council could take the lead as far as its own buildings were concerned.



The County Health Department continues to be responsible for the following:

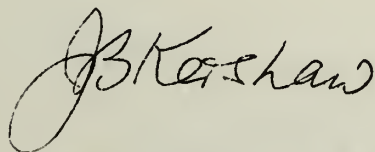
Ambulance Facilities  
Home Nursing Services  
Maternity and Child Welfare  
School Health Services

Records of vaccination and immunisation are held by the County Health Department but it is no longer possible to break these figures down into individual County District Areas.

A family planning clinic is held at the Lawns Health Clinic.

The report on environmental hygiene is prepared by Mr. L.F. Whitmore, Chief Public Health Inspector. The report speaks for itself and I am very much indebted to him and to the Public Health staff for their continued help and co-operation throughout the year.

Finally, I express my gratitude to the members of the Council for their interest and support.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J.B. Kershaw'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Medical Officer of Health.

1st September, 1972







# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparative purposes last year's figures have been  
inserted in brackets)

Area in Acres	.. 11,899	
Registrar General's estimate of population	.. 48,170	.. (45,330)
Number of inhabited houses at 31/12/71	.. 16,976	.. (16,471)
Product of a Penny Rate at 31/3/71	.. £7814.14	.. (£7646.68)
Rateable value at 31/3/71	.. £1935,133	.. (£1875,699)

## VITAL STATISTICS

	Local authority area			ENGLAND and WALES
	Males	Females	Total	
Estimated mid-year home population	-	-	48,170	48,815,000
Live births				
Total	426	405	831	783,165
Legitimate	406	389	795	717,491
Illegitimate	20	16	36	65,674
Still births				
Total	2	4	6	9,898
Legitimate	2	4	6	8,826
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,072
Total Live and Still births				
Total	428	409	837	793,063
Legitimate	408	393	801	726,317
Illegitimate	20	16	36	66,746
Deaths of Infants				
Under 1 year				
Total	7	4	11	13,726
Legitimate	6	4	10	12,140
Illegitimate	1	-	1	1,586
Under 4 weeks				
Total	5	4	9	9,113
Legitimate	4	4	8	8,121
Illegitimate	1	-	1	992
Under 1 week				
Total	4	3	7	7,750
Legitimate	3	3	6	6,903
Illegitimate	1	-	1	847
DEATHS - all ages	270 (249)	206 (238)	476 (487)	567,345 (575,208)



	Local Authority Area	ENGLAND and WALES
Live birth rates, etc .		
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	17.3	16.0
Area comparability factor	.99	1.0
Local adjusted rate	17.1	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.07	1.0
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	4	8
Stillbirth rate		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	7	12
Infant mortality rates		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	13	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	13	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	28	24
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Neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	11	12
Early neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	8	10
Perinatal mortality rate		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	16	22
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Deaths rates, etc. - all ages		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	9.9	11.6
Area comparability factor	1.17	1.0
Local adjusted rate	11.6	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.0	1.0



COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	Hinckley U.D.C.		England and Wales	
	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Live Births				
Crude Rate				
per 1,000 home population	17.3	18.3	16.0	16.0
Stillbirths				
Rate per 1,000 total live				
and stillbirths	7.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Deaths of Infants				
Under 1 year				
rate per 1,000 live births	13.0	19.0	18.0	18.0
Deaths (all ages)				
Crude Rate				
per 1,000 home population	9.9	10.7	11.6	11.7
Neonatal Mortality				
deaths under 4 weeks				
per 1,000 live births	11.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Early Neonatal Mortality				
deaths under 1 week				
per 1,000 live births	8.0	8.0	10.0	11.0

Deaths during the last 7 years

CAUSES	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Tuberculosis	3	2	2	-	1	1	1
Coronary Disease	80	82	88	94	105	89	109
Cerebrovascular Disease	70	66	70	69	65	68	64
Lung Cancer	21	22	25	31	21	17	31
All other forms of Cancer excluding Leukaemia	62	65	58	56	52	67	77
ALL CAUSES OF DEATH	403	411	431	468	478	487	476



CAUSES OF DEATH (REGISTRAR GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	1	-	1
Other infective and parasitic Diseases	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	12	5	17
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	10	6	16
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung	26	5	31
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	13	13
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	4	-	4
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	7	11	18
Diabetes Mellitus	5	1	6
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	1	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	3	3	6
Hypertensive Disease	2	9	11
Ischaemic Heart Disease	73	36	109
Other Forms of Heart Disease	16	22	38
Cerebrovascular Disease	30	34	64
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	13	6	19
Pneumonia	18	13	31
Bronchitis and Emphysema	13	4	17
Asthma	1	2	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	3	5
Peptic Ulcer	1	3	4
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	3	-	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	2	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system	-	2	2
Congenital Anomalies	5	2	7
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	1	2	3
Other causes of perinatal mortality	2	-	2
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	1	7
All other accidents	5	6	11
Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries	1	5	6
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TOTAL ALL CAUSES	270	206	476
	(249)	(238)	(487)
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# AGE AT DEATH

					<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
	Under	1 ...	...	...	11	16	13
Over	1 and	" 4 ...	...	...	2	1	4
"	5	" 14 ...	...	...	1	2	1
"	15	" 24 ...	...	...	6	6	5
"	25	" 34 ...	...	...	4	5	3
"	35	" 44 ...	...	...	13	8	9
"	45	" 54 ...	...	...	26	26	19
"	55	" 64 ...	...	...	67	72	78
"	65	" 74 ...	...	...	127	147	138
	75 and over	...	...	...	219	204	208
				TOTAL	<u>476</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>478</u>

## GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. The Public Health Officers of the Authority are set out on page 2. of the Report.
2. Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Groby Road Hospital, Leicester. The Director of the Laboratory is Dr. N.S. Mair.

Specimens submitted from Hinckley included:

Nose and Throat	9
Faeces and Urine	101
Boned Chicken in Jelly	1
Swimming Baths	
Free Chlorine and pH	39
Bacteriological	39
Mains Supply	
Free Chlorine and pH	51
Bacteriological	52
Wells	
Bacteriological	39
Free Chlorine and pH	39



3. Hospital Facilities

These are the responsibility of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

In addition to the Hinckley and District and Sunnyside Hospitals there are general hospitals at Leicester. Many patients attend Hospitals in Nuneaton which is in the Birmingham Regional Hospital Area. Cases of infectious disease are admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Leicester. Some go to Whitley Isolation Hospital, Coventry.

There are chronic sick beds at Market Bosworth (Bosworth Park Infirmary and Westhaven), Hinckley (Sunnyside Hospital) and other hospitals in the County such as Markfield Hospital which also admits general medical and surgical cases.

There is no maternity hospital accommodation in Hinckley. Certain maternity beds in the new unit at Nuneaton are specifically for Leicestershire patients. These beds are in two categories, (a) Consultant and (b) General Practitioner.

4. Other Facilities

Arrangements for other services operating in the District are made by the County Council direct, through the Health and Welfare Department:

Accommodation for elderly persons in County Homes  
Domiciliary Midwifery and Ante-Natal Clinics  
Health Visiting and Infant Welfare Centres  
Home Nursing  
Vaccination and Immunisation  
Ambulance and Ambulance Cars  
Domestic Helps  
Mental Health Service  
Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act for the prevention of illness; care and after-care; health education.

The policy of "attachment" of district nurses, midwives and health visitors to general medical practitioners is now well established. Instead of working to a geographical area these officers work as part of a general practice team of which the family doctors are in charge.

5. Meals on Wheels and Chiropody Services are operated by the W.R.V.S. in conjunction with the following:-

County Council, District Council and  
Old People's Clubs.



PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis)

The following table shows the diseases notified during 1971 and their distribution.

DISEASES	HINCKLEY CENTRAL WARDS	BURBAGE WARD	BARWELL WARD	EARL SHILTON WARD	TOTAL
Measles	5 (119)	1 (43)	14 (109)	6 (190)	26 (461)
Scarlet Fever	1 (1)	4 (6)	- (-)	- (-)	5 (7)
Whooping Cough	1 (2)	4 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	5 (2)
Dysentery	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Infectious Jaundice	4 (1)	3 (2)	- (5)	11 (3)	18 (11)
Food Poisoning Confirmed	- (2)	3 (-)	- (-)	2 (-)	5 (2)
Not Confirmed	- (1)	- 4	- (1)	- (-)	- (6)
Opthalmia neonatorum	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
TOTALS	11 (126)	15 (55)	14 (115)	19 (193)	59 (489)







AGE GROUPS AND SEX

	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Measles		Dysentery	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Numbers originally notified	2	3	2	3	14	12	-	-
Total all ages								
Final numbers after correction								
UNDER 1 year	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
1 - "	-	-	1	1	2	3	-	-
2 - years	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3 - "	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 - "	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
5 - 9 "	2	1	1	1	2	1	-	-
10 -14 "	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
15- 24 "	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	-
25 and over	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
TOTAL (all ages)	2	3	2	3	14	12	-	-
	Infective Jaundice		Food Poisoning		Mening-ococcus		Ophthalmia Neonatorum	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Numbers originally notified	8	10	2	3	-	-	1	-
Total all ages								
Final numbers after correction								
UNDER 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5 -14 "	2	6	1	2	-	-	-	-
15 -44 "	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -64 "	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (all ages)	8	10	2	3	-	-	1	-



# Tuberculosis

Numbers originally notified Total all ages	Pulmonary		Other	
	M	F	M	F
	3	1	-	-
Final numbers after correction				
UNDER 1 year	-	-	-	-
1 - "	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 "	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 "	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 "	1	1	-	-
45 - 54 "	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 "	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 "	2	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (all ages)	3	1	-	-

## MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Superannuation	..	34
Sick Pay Scheme	..	21
Special	..	6
Heavy Goods Vehicle Drivers	..	12

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## International Vaccination Certificates Franked

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To the Chairman and Members  
of the Hinckley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present to you my report on the work of the Health Department for 1971.

Due to increasing pressures of work combined with shortage of qualified staff, this report is later than usual.

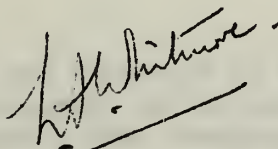
Advertisements for a Public Health Inspector to relieve some of the pressure proved unproductive. Though the salary offered was adequate I feel the shadow of Local Government Reorganisation is the main cause of the lack of response. Perhaps now the picture is becoming clearer the situation may ease in the future.

Conditions were made even more difficult in the early part of the year by the increased demands of meat inspection at a wholesale slaughterhouse at Barwell. In a district where the high quality of meat has always been taken for granted, the quality of meat being presented for inspection at this slaughterhouse caused much concern. Fortunately however the slaughterhouse was closed in July and the position was materially eased.

Many enquiries are still made regarding Improvement Grants and most of these have to be followed up with visits to the houses concerned, often lengthy explanations to the enquirers on the grant scheme and, where necessary, the preparation of schedules of works required to make the houses suitable for Discretionary Grant procedure.

It was hoped that by the end of the year there would be a declaration of the Council's first General Improvement Area in the private sector, but the work of planning the area with the co-operation of Mr. B.A. Fell, Engineer & Surveyor, was delayed due to the pressures of work.

I would like to thank you Mr. Chairman, and all Councillors for the ready support given throughout the year and also all Chief Officers and their staffs for their ready advice and assistance always so freely given. My thanks are due to the staff of the Health Department for their work during the year and to the Medical Officer of Health for his continued cooperation and advice.



Chief Public Health Inspector

23rd October, 1972





## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### 1. WATER SUPPLY

The supply was satisfactory in quantity and bacteriological quality. Complaints of discoloration of the supply have been received and the Engineer and Manager of the Leicester Water Department has stated that design work is in progress of plant for the removal of excess iron and also for softening at the Snarestone works. This plant will not be in commission until early 1973.

#### Examination of Drinking Water Supplies

##### (a) Town Water

52 samples of town water were taken from various parts of the distribution system and submitted for bacteriological examination and estimation of free chlorine content. All but one were satisfactory.

##### (b) Well Water

39 samples of well water were submitted for bacteriological examination, these were mainly from a cafe which is out of reach of the water main. The supply is chlorinated. On three occasions the bacteriological report was not satisfactory but following adjustment of the chlorination plant, subsequent reports were satisfactory.

#### Water Supply to the Dwelling Houses in the District

Of the 48,170 persons living in the 16,985 houses in the district, 48,009 persons in 16,925 houses have an internal piped supply. 10 persons in 5 houses have an external piped supply and 151 persons in 55 houses out of reach of water mains are dependent on well supplies.

### 2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

It is hoped, when plans for a proposed new school in Stoke Rd. are finalised, that it will be possible to drain the unsewered houses in Stoke Road to the Council's sewer.

The redesigned Earl Shilton works were in commission at the end of the year. Work had also been commenced on the improvement of the Hinckley Sewage Works.

### 3. CESSPOOLS

There are 109 septic tanks and cesspools in the district serving 128 premises. These are mainly at isolated properties out of reach of sewers. 4 cesspools were discontinued by the end of the year.

### 4. SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

There are 18,865 water closets and 40 pail closets in the district.



5. PUBLIC CLEANSING

This service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor. House refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on land at the rear of Wykin Estate. Trade refuse is disposed of on land in Stapleton Lane, Barwell. Much of the material formerly burned at Barwell is now buried at the controlled tip, burning at Barwell being now confined to old furniture, wood, etc. and the times for burning being severely limited.

6. DUSTBINS

32 visits were made to 18 premises regarding the renewal of defective dustbins.

7. INSPECTION OF AREA

683 recorded complaints were received

394 concerned infestation of rats, mice, beetles, ants, wasps, etc.  
 24 " housing defects,  
 33 " atmospheric pollution,  
 9 " food,  
 21 " noise nuisance,  
 17 " effluvia nuisance,  
 1 " water supply,  
 145 " drainage,  
 15 " animals,  
 1 " caravans,  
 14 " accumulations,  
 9 " miscellaneous matters.

Premises

1862 premises were inspected relating to nuisances or defects of all kinds which were discovered and dealt with.

	<u>Initial</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Revisits</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Number of Inspections</u>			
Animal Keeping	34	26	60
Bakehouses	2	4	6
Dairies (including Milk Sampling)	44	74	118
Drainage Works	432	289	721
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	1197	728	1925
Infectious Diseases Inquiries	47	52	99
Food Poisoning Inquiries	5	5	10
Food Premises (all purposes)	364	18	382
Refuse Collection and Disposal	42	18	60
Rodent Control (excluding R.O. visits)	110	101	211
Shops and Offices	193	161	354
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection	621	114	735
Smoke Control (including visits to Air Pollution Recording Centre)	348	372	720
Vermineous Premises (including infestations)	65	48	113
Caravans, etc.	14	1	15
Water Supplies (all purposes)	242	101	343
Factories and Workplaces	9	2	11
Other Inspections	1804	156	1960
TOTALS	<u>5573</u>	<u>2270</u>	<u>7843</u>





# 8. NOTICES

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
<u>Informal</u>		
Outstanding 1st January	2	16
Issued during year	22	32
Complied with during year	22	37
Outstanding 31st December	2	11
<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding 1st January	2	-
Issued during year	-	-
Complied with during year	2	-
Outstanding 31st December	-	-

# 9. SUMMARY ACTION

Proceedings were instituted in respect of 2 contraventions of section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955; one for coal particles in milk and the other in respect of a mouldy meat and potato pie. Fines totalled £35.

# 10. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following premises were registered under the Act on 31st December 1971:

	<u>Number Registered</u>
Offices	182
Retail Shops	242
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	12
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	14
Fuel Storage Depots	<u>7</u>
	<u>457</u>

## Premises Inspected

Offices	44
Retail Shops	131
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	5
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	12
Fuel Storage Depots	<u>1</u>
	<u>193</u>

8 accidents were reported, these were investigated but all were of a very minor nature and were not due to contravention of the Act. No further action was therefore necessary, but advice was given where applicable to avoid possible future recurrence.

# 11. MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There was little trouble with itinerant caravan dwellers during the year. The only concentrations occur on the lay-by on the A47 at the foot of Shilton Hill. Odd vans appear on occasions, but do not appear to stay long, possibly due to the attention of the police, who are most helpful in this direction.

The 8 licensed single van sites are satisfactorily conducted.





12. REGULATED BUILDINGS

There are no offensive trade premises in the district.

13. PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Three premises are licensed under the Act. All premises were satisfactorily conducted during the year.

14. RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Five premises are registered under the Act.

15. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

108 recorded observations were made on chimneys at 12 premises for smoke control purposes. In addition a total of 24 grit trays were laid to check on soot or grit emissions at 4 of these premises.

The majority of industrial premises have excellent records of smoke control, only a few exceptions give cause for any concern. Numerous complaints were made of emissions from one factory and it was necessary to take court proceedings against the firm for contravention of the Act. A fine of £15 was imposed.

The height of 6 chimneys were fixed in connection with premises where new boiler plant was proposed.

16. ERADICATION OF VERMIN

218 visits were made to 160 premises for the treatment of insect and other pests other than rats or mice. Infestations dealt with included ants, wasps, cockroaches, flies, crickets, etc.

17. VERMINOUS PERSONS

No verminous persons came to the notice of the department during the year.

18. COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common Lodging Houses in the District.

19. HOUSING

A. New Houses

Houses, permanent type, completed during year:

by local authority ... 38

by private enterprise ... 394

Houses in course of erection at end of year:

by local authority ... 56

by private enterprise ... 219

Total number of post war houses completed:

by local authority ... 2138

by private enterprise ... 5739

Number of applicants for Council houses at end of year ... 415

Number of applications received during the year ... 196

Number of Council houses in the district 31/12/71 ... 3340

Number of Council houses in the district 31/12/39 ... 1529



B. Inspection of Dwelling Houses During the Year

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 916
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1425
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under (sub-head) (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... 18
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 57
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 18

C. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts ... 205

D. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(1) Public Health Acts

No statutory action was taken under these Acts.

(2) Housing Acts

No statutory action was necessary during the year.

20.E. Removal of Unfit Houses

- (a) The following houses were demolished during the year:

27 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Lower Bond Street, Hinckley
29	" " " "
29 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	" " " "
31	" " " "
31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	" " " "
33	" " " "
117	Church Street, Burbage
123	" " " "
127	" " " "
14	Barwell Lane, Hinckley
168	Hinckley Road, Burbage
19	New Street, Hinckley
21	" " " "
23	" " " "

Total - 14 houses





(b) Houses dealt with as Unfit during the year

Clearance Areas

Three Clearance Areas were declared during the year  
No.157 Wood Street (Hinckley) ... 3 houses  
No.158 Factory Road ... 7 houses  
No.159 Thornycroft Road ... 9 houses

The Council acquired the houses in Area No.158 by the end of the year and were negotiating the purchase of those in Area No.159.

21. F. OVERCROWDING                      Part IV.                      Housing Act, 1957

(a) No. of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	1
No. of families dwelling therein	...	1
No. of persons dwelling therein	...	8
(b) No. of cases of overcrowding abated during the year	...	-
No. of persons concerned	...	-
(c) New cases of overcrowding registered	...	-

22. G. HOUSING SUMMARY

Total number of occupied houses in the district ...16,984  
(3,340 being occupied by Council tenants)

23. H. HOUSING ACT, 1969

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants from:		
(1) Owner/occupiers	...	92
(2) Owners of rented property	...	12
(b) Number of applications approved	...	92
(c) Number of applications refused	...	-
(d) Number of properties improved during the year	...	77
(e) Number of applications for Discretionary Grants received and approved	...	33
(f.) Number of applications for Discretionary Grants refused	...	2

Although the number of new Standard Grant applications is still maintaining a steady level, enquiries and applications for Discretionary Improvement Grants are gaining momentum. The work in this direction is rapidly increasing and investigation of enquiries is taking up a very large proportion of the Inspector's time. With the probability of declaration of a General Improvement Area and a continuing increase in enquiries and applications it may well be that the use of specialised staff to reduce the present load on the Inspectors may have to be considered. Landlords are becoming increasingly conscious of the benefits of improving their controlled houses as a means of obtaining fair rents.

24. RENT RESTRICTIONS ACT

Although some enquiries are still received regarding permitted rents there has been no great activity in this direction during the year.



25. SWIMMING BATHS

There are 7 swimming baths in the district, the covered public baths owned by the Council, the other 6 are at schools in the district, four of these being covered.

Regular samples of the water from these baths are taken. Of a total of 337 samples taken during the year for bacteriological examination and the estimation of free chlorine, 7 were not fully satisfactory. In some cases it was necessary to give advice on maintenance and the need for keeping the chlorine dosage to a satisfactory standard.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

26. MILK SUPPLY

DAIRIES (Other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS Section 8. Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959				
<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of Contraventions</u>		
		<u>Found</u>	<u>Remed- ied</u>	<u>Outstanding on 31/12/71</u>
DAIRIES .. 5	9	-	-	-
DISTRIBUTORS..40	8	-	-	-

(a) BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES

No. of Routine Bulk Samples taken	Results of Biological Examination		
	Satisfactory	Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli	Evidence of Brucella Abortus
3	3	-	-

All samples taken were of "Untreated" Milk

2 producers of "Untreated" milk retail raw milk in the district.

(b) BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES

CLASS	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY	TOTAL
"Untreated"	3	-	3
Pasteurised	12	1	13
Sterilised	4	-	4
Ultra Heat Treated	1	-	1
	20	1	21





(c) Phosphatase Test

All but one of the samples taken of Pasteurised Milk satisfied the Phosphatase Test. Repeat samples of the unsatisfactory milk were satisfactory.

- (d) One pasteurising establishment is in operation in the district.

27. ICE CREAM

No. of new premises registered during the year ... 5

Total Premises on Register

Manufacture and Retail ... 1

Retail only ... 222

28. (a) MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

There are now four private slaughterhouses in the district. One slaughterhouse closed in July 1971 and considerably eased the work on meat inspection. Ante-mortem inspection is carried out whenever possible and one hundred per cent post-mortem inspection is made.

16,016 animals were inspected, and 10 tons, 15 cwts. 1 stone, 9 lbs. of meat and offal was condemned.

Cysticercosis

11 Bovine animals were found to have localised infection only and 176 lbs. of offal was condemned. It was necessary to submit 2 carcasses to refrigeration.





## (b) Carcasses inspected and condemned

	Cattle ex- cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	H ogs	TOTAL
Number killed	1319	51	17	7825	6804	-	16,016
Number Inspected	1319	51	17	7825	6804	-	16,016
<u>ALL DISEASES</u> <u>EXCEPT</u> <u>TUBERCULOSIS</u>							Total weight in lbs.
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	2	66	27	-	7,105
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	230	-	-	1287	976	-	15,272
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	17.513	1.961	11.765	17.291	14.741	-	22,377
<u>TUBERCULOSIS</u> <u>ONLY</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	162	-	1,726
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.381	-	1,726

TOTAL WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED MEAT

- 10 tons, 15 cwts, 1 stone, 9 lbs.

(c) Other Food

A total of 2 tons, 16 cwts, 18 lbs. of various unsound food-stuffs was condemned and disposed of by piercing tins or containers, staining of certain foods and then burying them at one of our refuse disposal tips. Much of this food is from breakdown of deep freeze cabinets and such wastage could possibly be avoided by more regular servicing of the cabinets.



29. SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The four licensed slaughterhouses remaining after the closure of the one at Barwell were satisfactorily conducted during the year.

30. KNACKER YARD

Three inspections of the premises were made. The condition of the premises has been satisfactorily maintained and the business carried on in a satisfactory manner. 468 animals were dealt with, 21 being alive when collected.

31. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Number of premises inspected (all purposes)	...	254
" " inspections made { " " }	...	275
" " informal notices served	...	39
" " " " complied with	...	36
" " formal notices served	...	Nil

PREMISES	VISITED	INSPECTIONS
Meat Shops/Rooms	7	9
Fried Fish		
Chipped Potatoes	12	18
Canteens	8	14
Bakehouses	2	6
Market Stalls	12	32
Ice Cream	31	33
Mobile Delivery Vehicles	11	18
Food Shops and Others	171	145
TOTALS	254	275

In accordance with Circular 1/72 from the Ministry of Health the following details of food premises are supplied.

Butchers Shops/Meat Rooms	...	34
Grocers and Greengrocers	...	156
Bakers/Confectioners/Caterers	...	25
Fish and Chips (including wet fish)	...	25
Dairies	...	5
Cafes/Restaurants	...	25
Licensed Premises	...	98
Factory/School Canteens	...	25
+ Church Kitchens	...	22
/ Open Market	...	1

+ These premises have limited use only, much of the food consumed is prepared in Church Members' homes.

/ This is a Council operated open air market. Sanitary accommodation, hand and equipment washing facilities, and first aid equipment is provided at a central point adjoining the food stalls.





32. FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING

149 samples of food and drugs were submitted to the Public Analyst. All were informal samples.

The sampling rate was 3.1 per 1000 population. 10 samples received adverse reports regarding labelling, quality or condition.

Samples obtained during year

<u>Milk &amp; Dairy Products</u>	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	21		2
Milk Powder	1		
Ultra Heat Treated Cream	1		
Cream	10		
Butter	3		
Cheese	1		
Lard	1		
Margarine	1		
Evaporated Milk	2		
Cheese Spread	1		
<u>Meat &amp; Meat Products</u>			
Sausages	12		2
Liver Sausage	1		
Meat & Other Pies	7		
Soups	2		
Ham & Chicken Rolls	1		
Spam	1		
Turkey Spread	1		
Chop Suey	1		
Curried Chicken	1		
Meat Balls	1		
Chicken & Pineapple	1		
<u>Confectionery, Biscuits etc.</u>			
Bread	2		1
Fruit Pies	1		
Jelly	1		
Sweets	2		
Biscuits	1		
Creamed Coconut	1		
Ginger Preserve	1		
Mixed Cereal	1		
<u>Drinks</u>			
Squash	1		
Milk Shake Syrup	2		
Lemon Drink	1		1
Tea	2		
Apple Drink	1		
Lime & Lemon Drink	1		
Orange Drink	1		
Coke	1		

Continued...



Other Foods      ... continued

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory</u>
Baby Food	1		1
Bio-salt	1		
Crisps	4		1
Flour	2		1
Mixed Salad	1		
Pickle/Chutney	2		
Jams/Marmalade	5		
Ketchup	1		
Pineapple	1		
Sardines	1		
Chow Mein	1		

Drugs

Cough & Cold Mixtures	12	
Emulsion	1	
Mendaco	1	
Rinurel	1	
Benzac Tablets	1	
Dequadin Lozenges	1	
Enerjoids	1	1
Fever Mixture	1	
Kompo	1	
Slimming Plan	1	
Saccharin	1	
Solvol Tablets	1	
Liquid of Life	1	
Painules	1	
Phyllosan	1	
Dolcin Tablets	1	

In addition to the samples submitted to the Public Analyst 119 samples of milk and 4 of spirits were examined in the office laboratory. Such sampling enables an informal check to be kept on the quality of milk consumed in the district.

The Public Analyst reported adversely on 10 samples, 5 of which were submitted following food complaints. Of the other samples two had descriptions which the Public Analyst felt were misleading and the points raised were satisfactorily dealt with after communication with the manufacturers, one sample of sausage meat was marginally deficient in meat content. One sample of sausage was also marginally deficient in meat content and contained undeclared preservative but it proved impossible to obtain a formal repeat sample, and a slight iron deficiency was found in a sample of self raising flour.

33. FOOD COMPLAINTS

11 food complaints were received during the year.

Prosecutions were undertaken in the case of one bottle of milk containing coal particles and in the case of two mouldy meat and potato pies. Fines of £25 and £10 were imposed respectively together with costs in each case.



34. WEEKLY OPEN MARKET

32 inspections were made. The number of stalls varied from 9 to 12. The market complies with the Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 by the provision of a room for the exclusive use of the food stallholders and containing the necessary facilities.

35. FOOD POISONING

Five unconfirmed cases were investigated and necessary specimens taken.

36. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

1737 inspections were made to 316 premises in connection with the destruction of rats, mice and pests.

No. of properties to be protected	...	18,324
No. of properties inspected, as a result of		
(a) notification	...	201
(b) otherwise	...	116
No. of properties found to be infested (other than agricultural)		
(a) Rats, Major infestation	...	-
Minor	...	133
(b) Mice, Major	...	-
Minor	...	107

All these infestations were efficiently treated

Contract Premises

68 premises have a contract with the Department to remove any infestation of rats, mice or beetles from their premises.

Sewer Baiting

846 manholes were treated using fluoracetamide. Checks were made at all manholes where baits were taken.

Summary of Manholes Baited and Results

District	Number of Manholes	Number Treated
Central Wards	746	368
Burbage	391	210
Barwell	220	103
Earl Shilton	215	114
Stoke Golding	79	51
TOTALS	1,651	846





37. FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1961

There were 503 factories on our register at the end of the year; and trades carried out being as follows:

Agricultural Machinery	1	Brought forward	268
Artificial Silk Winders	1	Glass Cutters	1
Automobile Engineers	43	Hosiery (incl. Knitwear	
Bakers & Confectioners	6	and Underwear)	113
Boot & Shoe Manfs.	30	Hosiery Machine Repairs	1
Boot & Shoe Repairers	15	Hosiery Waste Sorting	2
Bottling Cosmetics and		Joinery & Wheelwright	27
Medical Requisites	3	Jewellery Design & Manf.	1
Building & Timber Mchts.	49	Kitchen Cabinet Makers	2
Cardboard Box Manfs.	5	Metal Workers	4
Carpet Sewing	1	Meter Testing & Repairing	1
Chemical Manufacturers	2	Mineral Water Manf.	1
Concrete Product Mf.	1	Motor Vehicle Repairers	22
Cooked Meat & Sausages	3	Painters, Decorators,	
Cycle Engineers	3	Glaziers	12
Dental Mechanics	5	Pasteurising Plants	1
Display Studios	4	Plastic Pipes/Packing Case Mf.	3
Dyers & Cleaners	10	Plumbers	9
Electrical Engineers	32	Photograph Developers	2
Electronic Equipment	1	Printer	8
Engineering Factories	39	Public Transport Depots	9
Furnace Building and		Pump Assemblers	1
Lining Materials	2	Slaughterhouse, Knacker Yd.	
Fancy Goods/Drapers	3	and Cold Storage Warehouse	10
Furniture & Upholstery Rprs.	7	Watch & Clock Makers	2
Electricity Suppliers	2	Vehicle Building	3
Cd. forward	<u>268</u>	TOTAL	<u>503</u>

The Prescribed particulars with reference to Parts I. and VIII of the Factories Act are included at the end of this Report.

38. NOISE ABATEMENT ACT

21 recorded complaints were made concerning alleged noise nuisances. All complaints were investigated, many of them necessitating evening visits. A total of 85 visits were made to investigate such complaints as noisy machinery, animals, loud music particularly from clubs, outworkers etc. Although in most cases nuisance cannot be substantiated attempts are always made to reduce the annoyance so often caused by thoughtless actions.

The public are becoming increasingly aware of increasing noise and it can only be hoped that our limited powers under the present noise abatement legislation will soon be strengthened.

39. MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES

(a) Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952

42 premises were visited for the checking of appliances.  
158 appliances were examined and found to be satisfactory.

(b) Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

8 visits were made to 6 registered premises. Conditions were generally satisfactory.



STAFF

One change only occurred in staffing. A third Technical Assistant was employed during the year. One Technical Assistant qualified after training, as an authorised Meat Inspector. This was a creditable feat, the qualification being obtained without previous experience in just over one year. Suitable qualified staff are still proving difficult to obtain and it is subsequently becoming very difficult to deal with routine inspections.





TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL

As compiled from the Registrar General's Annual Estimates  
of the population of England and Wales

YEAR	POPULATION	BIRTHS	BIRTH RATE	DEATHS	DEATH RATE	INFANT MORTALITY RATE
1899	11,019	361	30.03	193	16.08	160.6
1909	12,576	335	27.6	190	15.1	146.2
1919	13,707	208	12.99	171	11.12	100.9
1929	15,650	294	18.9	223	14.2	71.4
1939	34,360	594	17.2	336	9.6	47.0
1940	35,060	601	17.1	364	10.38	47.0
1941	35,887	574	15.96	397	11.06	50.5
1942	35,044	654	18.66	321	9.11	42.8
1943	34,498	681	19.71	328	9.5	36.7
1944	34,430	753	21.9	335	9.7	27.9
1945	34,000	688	20.0	323	9.3	26.1
1946	36,620	855	23.3	366	9.9	44.4
1947	37,650	858	22.79	397	10.5	46.8
1948	38,580	785	20.39	364	9.4	24.2
1949	38,750	691	17.83	396	10.2	27.4
1950	39,050	680	17.41	367	9.39	26.85
1951	38,080	683	17.5	392	10.05	46.8
1952	39,080	605	15.48	348	8.9	26.44
1953	39,310	669	17.01	356	9.05	32.88
1954	39,680	577	14.54	413	10.40	24.26
1955	39,800	569	14.29	394	9.89	33.39
1956	40,020	593	14.81	356	8.89	25.29
1957	40,090	629	15.68	397	9.90	30.20
1958	40,450	661	16.34	410	10.13	15.12
1959	40,630	661	16.27	373	9.18	18.15
1960	40,890	667	16.31	374	9.14	29.98
1961	41,573	719	17.32	405	9.75	13.90
1962	41,840	758	18.11	413	9.87	31.66
1963	42,000	710	16.90	432	10.28	18.30
1964	42,270	748	17.69	382	9.03	8.02
1965	42,530	768	18.06	403	9.47	11.71
1966	43,070	758	17.59	411	9.54	11.87
1967	43,910	747	17.0	431	9.8	16.0
1968	44,530	791	17.8	468	10.5	14.0
1969	45,070	774	17.2	478	10.6	17.0
1970	45,330	828	18.3	487	10.7	19.0
1971	48,170	831	17.3	476	9.9	13.0



APPENDIX I.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I.

INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- -ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	47	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	456	7	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	503	9	1	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found		Referred		
		-ied	to H.M. Insp-ector	by H.M. Insp-ector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(S.1) Want of cleanliness	1	-	-	1	-
(S.2) Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
(S.3) Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
(S.4) Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
(S.6) Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
(S.7) Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	1	-	1	-



PART VIII. of the Act  
OUTWORK  
 (Sections 110 & 111.)

Nature of Work	Section 110		Section 111			Prosecutions
	No. of Out- workers in Aug. list required by S.110	No. of cases of default in send- ing list to Council	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply	No. of instances of work in un- whole- some premises	Notices served	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
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